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SUBJECT: 26 TH WHA: NORTH KOREAN APPLICATION FOR WHO MEMBERSHIP

REF: STATE 66738 AND STATE 65086

BEGIN SUMMARY. EMBASSY APPROACHED FOREIGN MINISTRY ON POSTPONEMENT QUESTION APRIL 27. OFFICIAL SAID MINISTRY PLANS TO SUPPORT SOUTH KOREA' S POSTPONEMENT RESOLUTION DEPISTE HAVING RECEIVED SEVERAL DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATIONS TO THE CONTRARY. END SUMMARY.

1. FOREIGN MINISTRY DIRECTOR OF POLITICAL AFFAIRS WAS DELIVERED NOTE AND PRESENTED WITH REASONING CONTAINED REFTELS IN BEHALF OF POSTPONING NORTH KOREAN APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP IN WHO UNTIL 27 TH WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY IN 1974. OFFICIAL STATED HE HAD RECEIVED SIMILAR REQUEST FROM SOUTH KOREA THROUGH THE MEXICAN EMBASSY, ITS DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATIVE TO COSTA RICA. THE MINISTRY, WHILE RECOGNIZING THAT THE VOTE WILL BE CLOSED, INTENDS TO INSTRUCT ITS DELEGATION-- A SPECIAL DELEGATION COMPOSED OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE MINISTRIES OF FOREIGN RELATIONS AND PUBLIC HEALTH WILL TRAVEL TO GENEVA-- TO SUPPORT THE SOUTH KOREAN PROPOSAL. THIS OFFICIAL ADDED THAT THE GOCR' S POSITION IS LIKE OURS, THAT THE SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO
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KOREAS SHOULD PRECEDE CONSIDERATION OF THE MEMBERSHIP

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2. THE OFFICIAL SAID THE MINISTRY HAD RECEIVED REQUESTS FROM NORTH KOREAN, CHILE AND THE USSR TO SUPPORT THE NORTH KOREAN POSITION. THE CHILEANS HAD, MOREOVER, REQUESTED PERMISSION FOR A VISIT TO SAN JOSE BY A NORTH KOREAN MISSION DESIGNED TO SEEK SUPPORT FOR ITS POSITION. THE MINISTRY HAD TURNED DOWN THE VISIT.
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